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Provincial Legislature

The Supply Bill Brought Down and Discussed by Finance Minister.

An Able Review of the Financial Conditions—Prudent and Optimistic.

Assessment Act Further Amended on Report—Other Business.

Tuesday, March 28, 1905.
The House assembled at 2 o'clock, and after the customary exercises the following was the order of business.

Third Readings
The bill respecting County Courts and the bill relating to unclaimed money deposits in the provincial treasury passed third readings.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved: "Whereas Ralph Smith, M. P., has introduced a bill at Ottawa respecting the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, and whereas as the said bill contains the following clause:

"9. Notwithstanding anything in this act, the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company shall not, for or by reason of entering into the said agreement or selling its said railway, be held liable, or be deemed to have waived, or lost, or prejudiced, or affected in anywise howsoever any of the franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges held or possessed by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company at the time of entering into the said agreement and selling the said line of railway, but all such franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges shall, notwithstanding the entering into of such agreement and the completion of such sale, remain, exist and continue in full force and effect, unimpaired and unimpaired, for the benefit, profit and advantage of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company"; and whereas the object of the clause is to prevent this province from exerting and exercising its power to tax the land of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, which owing to the sale of the said railway has now become open to taxation; and whereas a high level opinion has been obtained by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company that this will be the effect of the passage of said legislation through the Dominion House; and whereas it is a matter of vital importance that the Dominion House should not be induced to tax the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway land belt: Be it therefore resolved, that this House urge upon the government the necessity of taking such immediate steps as it may deem necessary in the matter to protect the rights of the people of this province."

In speaking to this, the member for Nanaimo took the ground that if the company was taxed so that it could not hold its lands, they would be in a position to obtain remuneration from the courts of the province for the damage suffered through such taxation. The company had taken a different stand and had endeavored to "sneak" through the Dominion House a bill to exempt their lands from taxation for all time.

The Attorney-General said that the bill referred to was designed to ratify an agreement between two companies with respect to the transfer of the Island railway. Both companies, being subject to Dominion laws, had sought legislation from the federal house. As to whether the E. & N. lands became liable to provincial taxation because of this transfer, he did not venture an opinion. In connection with the bill now before the Dominion parliament, he had telegraphed the Minister of Justice suggesting that the passage of such legislation might interfere with the right of the province to tax the railway lands if they ceased to be used for railway purposes, to which a reply was received from the Minister of Justice that he did not understand that the legislation referred to would have the effect suggested.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that he had the right to tax these lands, no Dominion legislation could interfere with that right. What he had done was for the purpose of erasing, if he erred at all, on the side of caution in the matter. As to the point taken by Mr. Hawthorthwaite that if at any time in the future the government were to collect taxes from these lands, a cause of action would arise, and that the court would be bound to give the railway company damages to the extent of the tax levied, as a matter of fact no court could interfere with the rights of the province so far as taxation was concerned. They either had the right to tax the lands or they had not; and upon any attempt to tax them, they would enforce such taxation this question would be threshed out. He offered no objection to the resolution, but thought the government had shown themselves sufficiently alert that they did not even require the house itself to urge them to protect the rights of the people.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald disapproved of the resolution in its present form. He made certain statements which he did not think the House could endorse, for instance that the object of this clause "is to prevent this province from exerting and exercising its power to tax the land of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, which owing to the sale of the said railway has now become open to taxation." etc. The position advanced was that there was no objection to the right of the province in this regard. At the least the question should be left for the courts to determine. He therefore moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are seeking to have passed by the parliament of Canada a bill entitled 'An Act respecting the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company,' which contains the following clause:

"Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company shall not, for or by reason of entering into said agreement or selling its said railway thereunder, be held liable, or be deemed to have waived, or lost, or prejudiced, or affected in anywise howsoever any of the franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges held or possessed by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company at the time of entering into the said agreement and selling the said line of railway, but all such franchises, rights, powers, authorities, exemptions, grants and privileges shall, notwithstanding the entering into of such agreement and the completion of such sale, remain, exist and continue in full force and effect, unimpaired and unimpaired, for the benefit, profit and advantage of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway"; and whereas the object of the clause is to prevent this province from exerting and exercising its power to tax the land of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, which owing to the sale of the said railway has now become open to taxation; and whereas a high level opinion has been obtained by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company that this will be the effect of the passage of said legislation through the Dominion House; and whereas it is a matter of vital importance that the Dominion House should not be induced to tax the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway land belt: Be it therefore resolved, that this House urge upon the government the necessity of taking such immediate steps as it may deem necessary in the matter to protect the rights of the people of this province."

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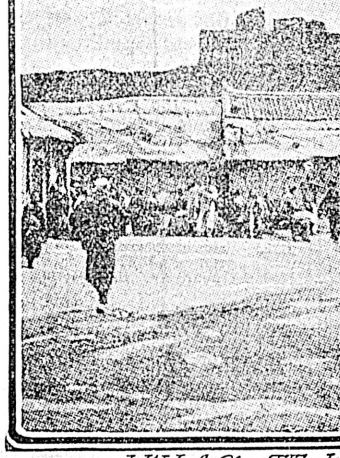
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Nothing further was learned concerning the wreckage which has drifted ashore at Camanah Point. It is now believed, however, that this wreckage was not that of some vessel that has met disaster during the recent storms. It is thought that it is part of the wreckage of the sealing schooner Penelope, lost at Clalam Bay over a year ago. The description of the wreckage, particularly with regard to the iron rings for lashing canoes on the piece of her deck, corresponds with that of the Penelope.

The Queen City brought a number of passengers, including miners, prospectors and others. Mr. Brewster, who is establishing a new fishery at Sechart, came from that point, and a number of employees whose work has been completed at the whaling station at Sechart returned to Victoria. T. Stockham, of Clayoquot, was also a passenger.

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Bourassa The Star Speaker

Discusses Loyalty of the French-Canadian Race and Rose-Colored History.

Montrealers Make Remarkable Proposal—Georgian Bay Canal Quietus.

Ottawa, Ont., March 28.—(Special.)—Henri Bourassa was the star attraction in the autonomy debate today. He said some rasping things, including a reference to Dr. Sproule and the Orange order as "the yellow hierarchy." He held that the future of Canada depended on freedom of education given to every settler of the Northwest, which, inside of a century, would be the dominating part of the Dominion; and recapitulating his campaign utterances of the past ten years, argued that the same measure of liberty of conscience should be accorded the Roman Catholic minority in the Far West as that of the Protestants of that province. The burden of his speech was that Canada could not have been today to the loyalty of the French race and to the work done by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in perilous times, when the Protestants of Ontario were in rebellion against the Crown, and when, later on, there were troubles in the Northwest that could not have been downed but for the personal efforts of Archbishop Tache. "As long as the King won't go back on us, we won't go back on him," had been the stand of French-Canadians ever since they came under the British flag. They had preserved Canada in the past and their faith in British justice had never been shattered, hence their unswerving loyalty today.

The Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacific railway bill passed the Senate today.

A deputation of Toronto Liberals is here, wanting the election postponed to the centre division until June but the government dare not acquiesce.

An influential deputation from Montreal saw the government today and urged a large appropriation to make it the national port of Canada by reuniting all dues.

The railway committee today practically unanimously killed the bill to incorporate a company to build a canal from Georgian Bay to Lake Ontario.

Blaine, of Peel, spoke against the separate schools, and Solicitor-General McCarthy, of Calgary, pronounced strongly in favor of giving the new provinces control of public lands.

IN A GALE.
Liverpool, March 28.—The British bark Gunford, from San Francisco October 27, which arrived at this port recently, encountered a hurricane March 15 and was thrown on her beam ends. It was found necessary to jettison a considerable portion of the vessel's cargo.

COLORADO MINE FATALITY.
Victor, Colo., March 28.—Unconscious, but clinging with a death grip to the cable, Fred. Blund was hoisted 1,350 feet by the Blue Bird mine and was revived after reaching the surface. With two companions he had been overcome by carbonic acid gas. Charles Jacobs was dead when taken out of the mine; his partner Edward was rescued alive.

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Purchase Price Has Been Paid

Grand Trunk Pacific Will Now Proceed to Build P. N. & O. Railway.

Surveys to Be Completed—Operations Advanced This Year.

In addition to the deal by which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company agreed to the proprietorship of 17,000 acres of land in the Telkwa valley, authority is now forthcoming for the statement that Mr. F. W. Morse, general manager, executed a contract as a result of which the company becomes possessor of the charter of the Pacific Northern & Okanagan Railway, with all the privileges and conditions which attach thereto. Mr. Morse, just before leaving Victoria, deposited \$800,000, the money consideration involved, to bind the undertaking, and this sum has since been paid over and distributed to the parties interested, including Mr. F. G. Vernon, Mr. G. W. D. Clifford and Mr. Frank S. Barnard, of this city.

By virtue of this compact the Grand Trunk Pacific company is under obligation to expend \$100,000 in developing the railway project before the first of May, 1907, and to complete the construction of the line within two years of that date.

With this end in view, it is said that survey parties will be almost immediately commissioned to finish the location of the line, the promoters having done considerable exploration work at a cost of about \$22,000, and having made some expenditure on construction, enlarging their total expenditure to something like \$40,000. The surveys completed, the company will commence the building of the road without unnecessary delay. In fact, the probabilities are that construction gangs will be at work on the line before the close of the present year.

The route of the proposed road is from a point on Kitimat Lake to the Skeena river. The distance is something over 130 miles.

It is said that the importance of Kitimat has been contemplated by the Grand Trunk Pacific managers in connection with the development of the great coal fields recently purchased by the company. In fact, the construction of the road and the exploitation of the coal measures are kindred undertakings, and the prospects are that both will be fairly well under way during the summer of 1905. Calculations have already been made that the coal from the Telkwa mines can be laid down at Kitimat at 40 cents per ton less than the cost of transporting it to Port Simpson, and report has it that the consideration has not escaped the attention of the railway company.

The subsidy which attaches to the Grand Trunk's purchase is \$5,000 per mile of road (not exceeding 135 miles), which may be paid in cash, debentures or inscribed stock, as the provincial government may elect.

JUDGMENT FOR THE WIDOW.
Boston, Mass., March 28.—Judgment for Mrs. Elva Ingersoll, widow of Robert G. Ingersoll, of New York, in the sum of \$95,000 with interest, against the trustees of the estate of the late John D. Ingersoll, a wealthy mine owner of Butte, Montana, was ordered today by Judge Putnam of the United States Circuit court. Suit was instituted by Mrs. Ingersoll to recover fees for services which she claimed were given by her husband to the estate.

The Mystery Of The Maine

Solved by Confession of Gessler Rousseau a Cuban Patriot.

Infernal Machine Was Intended for One of the Spanish Warships.

Agent Entrusted With Planting of Destructive Engine Blundered.

NEW YORK, March 28.—That the battleship Maine, through an error, was destroyed by a bomb of his manufacture, was the statement made by Gessler Rousseau in the tombs today. Rousseau was convicted yesterday of having sent explosives to the Cunard liner pier, this city, in May, 1903. He made the following statement today: "For several years while the Cuban patriots were struggling against Weyler, I watched the contest with deep interest and sympathy. I decided to go to Jacksonville and do what I could to assist the revolutionists. I started a train for the south I got together the material for the construction of two exploding machines of tremendous power, so great that they could be wound up and left in a selected place with the certainty that they would go off with horrible destruction within a few hours. At New Orleans I rented a room and put the boxes together, after which I went on to Jacksonville. There I became acquainted with a party of Cuban leaders who were planning a filibustering expedition. They had engaged the Destroyer, a small vessel, to take them to Cuba, along with a number of American and European adventurers who were anxious to strike a blow for Cuban freedom.

"Several of the leaders of the party are men now well known and I will not mention their names, although I have among my papers a list of them all.

Intended for Spaniards
"I suggested to them that they use my machines to destroy Spanish warships in the harbor of Havana and in other ports on the coast of the island. They readily seized upon the idea, and when the Destroyer sailed with the filibusters they took my two machines with them.

"It was my intention to go along with the party so as to direct the work of taking the Spanish ships, but they dissuaded me, urging that I could be of greater use in Jacksonville preparing other machines if the first proved successful.

"It was planned to have some members of the revolutionary party join the Spanish warships to get the machine aboard. If that failed, it was decided to fasten one of the boxes to the hull of a ship under the water line, for I had fixed my machines so that they could be exploded under water.

"That was late in the fall of 1897. The next spring the Maine was destroyed.

"Only one of the men in the secret of the machines ever returned to America. Some time after the war with Spain had begun,

A Mistake Had Been Made.
"He told me that he had had nothing to do with the boxes after reaching Cuba, but had been told a mistake had been made.

"The man who had been entrusted with the task of destroying a Spanish vessel attempted to fasten a box during the night to one of Alfonso's warships, and blundered into blowing up the Maine.

"I was told that the man, immediately after learning of the error he had made, committed suicide."

Rousseau said he had attempted to blow up the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington because he did not wish to see the statue of a king in America. He added that he was not an anarchist or a nihilist and that he had made no effort to supply exploding machines to Russians.

ENTERTAINING ROYALTY.
Lisbon, March 28.—Emperor William and King Charles this morning witnessed exercises by a military regiment, a detachment of artillery and a company of sharpshooters. The Emperor was subsequently conducted over the Belem monastery. After luncheon at the Necessi-Dades palace, the Emperor, King Charles and Queen Amelita visited the public buildings of Lisbon.

PROSPECT FOR PEACE BRIGHTER

Russia Alleged to Have Outlined Conditions on Which She Will Negotiate.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Russia has outlined the conditions under which she is prepared to negotiate peace. It was stated tonight with every semblance of authority that, thanks to the good offices of the United States and France, a question of peace had assumed practical shape.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Diligent inquiry tonight failed to develop what, if any, assistance the United States government has exercised in bringing about preliminary negotiations for peace between Russia and Japan, but inasmuch as nearly all the American officials likely to have knowledge of such a matter were at social functions or were otherwise inaccessible, the inquiry necessarily was incomplete. It was known that the American government for a long time has stood prepared to use its good offices in the interest of peace whenever the opportunity arrived for action by its government without serious risk of giving offence to either of the combatants, and thereby lessening the other's power for good. A prominent head of one of the diplomatic establishments here, when shown the St. Petersburg statement, said that he had not received any word from his government on the subject for several days, and had heard nothing to confirm the report. At the same time, he would not be astonished to learn of its accuracy, though he had not expected matters to reach that stage as yet.

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The Japs' rear attacks are said to be conducted in a masterly fashion. Their courage, enthusiasm and determination recalls the time when our own little island expected a renewal of hostilities with the Russians, and the well known verse was sung:

"We don't want to fight;
By Jingo! if we do,
We've got the men, we've got the ships,
We've got the money, too,
We've fought the Bear before
And we'll fight the Bear again;
The Russians shall not get into
Constantinople."

We add another verse, equally enthusiastic, and equally to the point, which shows we have courage of our own convictions:

"We don't want to fight;
By Jingo! if we do,
Your house or barn for fifty cents,
In colors green or blue;
But we'll grain your door for four,
Or paint your roof for ten,
You can't get better painters than
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MRS. MAYBRICK AGAIN.
Appears as Material Witness in Long-pending Civil Suit.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Maybrick appeared before a notary here today to make depositions in a suit technically known as Caroline E. Von Roques vs. David W. Armstrong et al, a case involving tracts of valuable land in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Since the institution of the case in 1892, it has been pending in the Chancery court of Richmond, awaiting Mrs. Maybrick's evidence. Mrs. Maybrick is a witness in the case for her mother, the Baroness Von Roques.

Mrs. Maybrick today acknowledged, while in prison, signing some papers brought to her by the United States consul, who told her that they related to the conveyance of certain Kentucky lands in which she was interested. She was asked if her mother had received her share of the \$3,000 paid to Mr. Armstrong in March, 1899, by the Kentucky Land Union Company, and she replied that this money, which had not been received, would have enabled her to bring witnesses from Norfolk, Virginia, by whom she could have proved her husband's death was due to natural causes. This statement, and, in fact, nearly all Mrs. Maybrick's testimony was objected to. The cross-examination developed that the defence will endeavor to show that the plaintiff had not been defrauded of any money or title to property.

AN EMPTY VICTORY.
British Government Declines to Be Led From Stand on Fiscal Question.

London, March 28.—In the House of Commons tonight a vote of censure on Premier Balfour's fiscal policy was unanimously carried, the ministerialists abstaining from voting.

The session was a repetition of the session of March 22, when a resolution introduced by Mr. Ainsworth (Free Trade Liberal), condemning the government's proposition to impose a general duty on manufactured goods, was vetoed by a vote of 254 to 2. The ministerial front benches tonight were deserted and only a dozen Unionists, principally Free Traders, were present when Mr. Walton (Liberal) moved a resolution, as follows:

"In view of the declaration made by the prime minister, this House thinks it necessary to record its condemnation of his policy of fiscal retaliation."

The opposition had hoped that, in view of the fact that this was a vote of censure, the government would take up the challenge, and would not adhere to its declared intention of ignoring fiscal resolutions of the private members. But Mr. Balfour declined to be drawn, and the opposition were driven to a mere denunciatory speech.

In reply to an enquiry by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Speaker said the motion would be recorded as carried nem con.

AN OMINOUS SILENCE.
London, March 29.—The Times' St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs as follows: "The entire absence of private and press telegrams from the front, together with a laconic message from General Linévitch tonight, dated, Harbin, saying, 'No reports from the armies,' involves fears that communications have been cut and that the Japanese have turned the Russian positions."

FATED TO DESTRUCTION.
J. Y. Griffin & Co's Factory, Near Winnipeg, Is Burning.

Winnipeg, Man., March 28.—Fire broke out at midnight in the big pork packing factory of J. Y. Griffin & Co., located on the west side of the city. The entire factory and sheds will be destroyed as the establishment is outside the Winnipeg fire limits and without protection. The factory had just been remodelled and the yards extended. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

MINISTER HAYASHI'S COMMENT.
When Peace Negotiations Open They Will Be Direct.

London, March 28.—When peace negotiations commence it will be between Russia and Japan direct, and not through any intermediary, was Minister Hayashi's comment to the Associated Press tonight, when shown the despatch from a North European capital stating that M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, had been asked to act as an intermediary to open peace negotiations. Minister Hayashi said he attached no importance to the statement, but believed that France was trying to induce Russia to open negotiations for peace.

"So far as I know," he said, "negotiations have not been opened, but when Russia is ready to make terms, Japan will be happy to consider them."

Minister Hayashi repeated his previous statement that Japan is not preparing peace rumors, but steadily preparing to prosecute the war to the bitter end.

At Foreign Secretary Lansdowne's residence tonight the Associated Press was informed that it would be useless to ask Lord Lansdowne for an expression of opinion at the present juncture, as he must decline to give out any statement on the subject of peace.

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Stirring Debate In The Senate

Senators Power and Macdonald on the Retention of Halifax and Esquimalt.

Three Links Snapped—Imperial Army and Navy Forces Gone.

Ottawa, March 28.—(Special)—In the senate today Hon. Mr. Power moved for copies of all papers in connection with the withdrawal from Halifax and Esquimalt of the imperial naval forces and the civilian officers connected therewith. In doing so he said that there appeared to have been a considerable amount of precipitation about the movement, and he thought there should have been a conference between Canada and the Mother Country on the subject. It was doubtful if the squadrons at Hongkong and Devonport would be able to do the duty of the old squadrons. The pecuniary loss to Canada also would be very material. There would probably not be the same protection to Canadian commerce as before, which would be very serious. Within the last few days a British ship had been seized in Monte video, and had Commodore Montgomery and the Charabdis not been there, he believed the ship and crew would not have been given up. For Canada to attempt to form a fleet of her own would be a work of supererogation.

The United States were taking immense pains and expense with their navy. Canada could not hope to compete. He did not think the present situation called for anything but protest from Canada. Since he gave notice of his resolution another step in the disintegration of the Empire had been resolved upon, the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from Halifax and Esquimalt. In his judgment the Canadian government should refuse to maintain the garrisons at Esquimalt and Halifax, whilst increasing her militia forces. He also said the utterances of the Canadian ministers at the conference of 1902 were not binding under the changed circumstances. He did not think either the government or the people realized all that the changes meant. He was informed that the Imperial government spent on Halifax some three million dollars yearly.

This would not only not be coming in, but would be added to the burdens of the people. He did not think that, prosperous as Canada is, she could afford this expenditure for sentiment out of consideration for a country which showed so little sentiment for her. The action of the Imperial government at this time reminds him of the withdrawal of the Roman garrisons from Britain, and it was remarkable that it should have been done by a government which called its opponents "Little Englanders."

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (B. C.) thought the House should be made obliged to Mr. Power for bringing up the subject. No ship was ever sent to Esquimalt or Halifax because they were British possessions, but as part of the programme of the navy. The defences at Esquimalt were commenced after the Civil war, and were carried on ever since at an immense expense. Now even the stores of coal and bottles of castor oil had been carried away to Hongkong. He was surprised at the Imperial government doing this at the bidding of three men. There should have been three links between Canada and the mother country—the presence of the Imperial forces, the navy and the Governor-General. Two of these had been snapped. Only those who know what we were losing, could imagine what we were losing. The sending of these squadrons occasionally would never do the work formerly done and would be much more costly. He spoke of the navy at the commencement of the last century, and said that this was gone. Turning to figures, he showed how immense was the expenditure of Great Britain on her navy, and how vast her commerce. In conclusion, he quoted a letter which appeared in a British Columbia paper some time ago. They know that India was a constant source of trouble and expense to the Empire, and did not contribute one cent. Canada was of immense value. Esquimalt defended the entrance to Vancouver.

Senator McKean was sorry for the action of the Imperial authorities, but it was not Canada's concern, and to take any action would be to leave Canada open to a snub. Senator McMillen thought that as Canada had done nothing towards the navy, it was none of our business.

After some further discussion the motion was carried.

MARINE BARRACKS.
Washington, D. C., March 28.—The Panama canal commission today authorized the construction of a marine barracks at Ancon, Panama, at a cost of \$65,000.

POWDER MILLS EXPLODE.
Albany, N. Y., March 28.—Four men are reported to have been killed in an explosion of three powder mills owned by the Dupont Powder Company at Schaghticoke, near Troy, this afternoon. The bodies of the men were blown 300 feet from the wreck and the windows of every house in the vicinity were shattered.

NEW SCHOOL REFUSED.
Bylaw for \$40,000 Defeated at Nelson—New Fire Chief.

Nelson, B. C., March 28.—The bylaw submitted to the ratepayers of this city by the board of school trustees asking for \$40,000 for the erection of a new public school building, was turned down by the citizens today, the vote being: For the bylaw, 100; against, 181. To carry the bylaw, a majority of three-fifths of the vote cast was required.

Thomas H. Sargent, lately of the Toronto fire brigade, arrived in the city tonight and will at once assume his new duties as chief of the Nelson brigade.

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ORGANIZE FOR A BIG CELEBRATION

Citizens Get to Work and Decide on Great Fete Lasting Two Days.

A splendid initial meeting of citizens for the purpose of taking steps towards the proper observance of Victoria Day, was held yesterday evening. Acting Mayor Goodacre presiding. No time was lost in getting down to business, and there was any necessary speech-making, with the result that the business in hand—that of perfecting organization—was transacted within the space of half an hour, and the meeting adjourned.

After briefly explaining the desirability of Victoria celebrating the day this year on a more pretentious scale than formerly, on account of this being the one celebration event Victoria will have this year, the chairman said it would be in order to appoint officers, and W. E. Moresby was chosen secretary and E. C. Smith honorary treasurer.

It was decided to have a two days' celebration, and it was considered advisable to limit the size of the committee and to appoint a large general committee and appointing instead a board of management. This was agreed to and the following named: Ald. Fell, Ald. Hall, H. D. Heames, K. C. Carter, Col. Hall, Dr. Kanesche, Noah Shakespeare and J. Eaton.

On the suggestion of Mr. Moresby, the committee was empowered to appoint a paid canvasser for subscriptions. Mr. Moresby mentioned that Mr. Virtue had done good work in this connection, having collected \$2,100. No doubt Mr. Virtue would again act in that capacity, though he would perhaps be busy this year.

The mayor was, on motion, requested to interview the authorities at York Point barracks and Esquimalt and the officers of the Fifth Regiment, soliciting their co-operation in making the event a success. In this connection Ald. Fell offered the suggestion that it might be well to ascertain at the same time if there was anything in the rumor that a large number of soldiers from the China station would likely visit Esquimalt about May 24.

It was decided to give the committee power to spend \$100 on advertising, and the meeting then adjourned to the hall of the chair, the board of management in the meantime to prepare a draft programme of events.

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TALKS OF MEXICO.
Nine Million Dollar Opera House, but no Good Hotel.

Winnipeg, March 28.—Mr. William White, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, today gave a brief outline of his holiday trip through Mexico and the Southern States. While the trip was a most pleasant one, there was nothing through it all to tempt him to accept the South as a place of residence, but it was a most enjoyable trip in which to spend a holiday. He was accompanied by Sir Daniel McMillan, and of his visit to the City of Mexico he said:

"Sir Daniel McMillan and I had the pleasure of an interview with President Diaz, of whom we had already formed a high opinion. The development of Mexico struck me as resembling that of Japan, and I made this comparison to the president and found it to be not dissatisfactory to him. Sir Daniel and I also had an interview with the minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Marescal, and in conversation Mr. Marescal asked my opinion regarding the growth of the City of Mexico, and whether I considered it would suffer the fate of Rome."

"I replied that Mexico is rich in natural resources, only partially developed, and I believed so long as good and capable government was enjoyed there would be no danger of Mexico City falling into decay."

"The government is building a \$9,000,000 opera house in Mexico City, and there are already many fine public buildings."

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MRS. NORRINGTON.

Sisters of Benevolent Society Take Charge of Old Lady.

Steamer City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco last night. She did not bring north the unfortunate old lady Mrs. Margaret Norrington, for just prior to the sailing of the steamer she was allowed to land at the Golden Gate. Some sisters of a benevolent institution came forward and agreed to take charge of the old lady.

Mrs. Norrington—or Lady Norrington, as she was known when in Seattle some years ago—made several trips on the San Francisco liners, being refused landing at Victoria twice and at San Francisco once. At San Francisco it was alleged that the old lady had been

was learned that the old lady had been formerly in California, and had lived in some of the mining camps. It was thought that she had not come from Australia, as she had stated. The unfortunate old lady is 75 years of age and quite feeble. Her statements regarding her antecedents are very contradictory.

In connection with the case of the unfortunate woman a subscription had been opened by the printers of the Colonist for her.

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THE BUDGET SPEECH.

The Minister of Finance yesterday submitted his estimates for the coming fiscal year, and made his Budget speech, a full report of which appears elsewhere. Little is necessary to be said in addition. It is a plain, straightforward statement of the financial position. The Minister clearly pointed out the difficulties in which the Government found itself financially upon taking office. The Province had been going behind at the rate of over \$750,000 per annum for years. For the fiscal year 1904-5 provision had to be made for an additional \$840,000 in order to secure equilibrium. By careful management the task was successfully accomplished, with a small surplus to boot. For the coming fiscal year the estimated revenue is \$2,559,376, and the estimated expenditure \$2,566,038, a statement which foreshadows a slight deficit. This it is hoped to turn into a surplus, the estimates of revenue having been framed in the most conservative spirit possible. In a word, the Minister of Finance is to be congratulated upon the showing.

THE WEARING OF THE WIG.

The Legislative chamber has been enlivened with a discussion of the wearing of wigs in court, arising out of the second reading of Mr. Stuart Henderson's bill, which provides that—

The wearing or use of the customary official wigs, or of robes of any color other than black, by judges, barristers or registrars of this court, during the sitting of the court or in chambers is hereby prohibited.

Any person violating any provision of the foregoing shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars and not less than ten dollars for each such offence.

The wearing of wigs, academically considered, is of little general interest or importance. The wig, as it appears in court, serves no useful purpose. It is not intended to accomplish its original end of concealing a bald pate, nor is it in itself a thing of beauty. It is purely a conventional remnant of a time-honored custom, as much like a natural head of hair as the supporters of the Royal Arms are like to animals, in nature, they are supposed to represent. That is to say, the wig is a survival of a custom, which, in polite society, was once general, but is now in England confined to the law courts. It is, in its present form, purely emblematic of legal hair-splitting. As such, it is somewhat picturesque and does add to the court room a certain atmosphere, if not of dignity, at least of ceremonial effect. It carries us back to the time which we associate with pictorial plates in our illustrated histories, memoirs and works of art, etc. In a sense it has very much the same interest for the members of the legal profession as the requirements of etiquette have for the man or woman of society. Those outside of the profession it affects purely as a matter of sentiment. They admire, tolerate, or detest, simply as tastes or social sympathies dictate.

All men, the most democratic, are conventional. Few have the courage or inclination to depart far from the standards of dress by which they are surrounded. The Socialist, who denounces the conventional forms which distinguish classes, habits himself as his fellows do according to the prevailing mode. If men wore petticoats, so would he; if kilts, so would he; if Moorish attire, so would he; if the simple garb of nature, so would he. We are all slaves of circumstances. Every order, however proletarian in its objects or sympathies, has its emblems and regalia, its ceremonial observances and its liturgy. It is an instinct of humanity cropping up in all grades and forms of society.

While, however, the wig ordinarily considered may have only an academic interest for the public in present circumstances, it has evolved an interest and importance that are more than ordinary. It is proposed by law to prohibit its use altogether under penalty. This is a return to the sumptuary legislation of centuries ago, when Parliament assumed to regulate the style of dress or the length of the hair or finger nails. It was in those days considered necessary to intervene by statute in order to prevent absurdities and abuses which were the extremity of fashion-following. Surely we have, as a self-respecting people in the twentieth century, grown out of the swaddling clothes, wherein it is necessary to be protected against the follies we impose upon ourselves.

It was pointed out by the Attorney-General that, as the law stands at present, the use of wigs in court by barristers is optional, and he properly designated the bill before the House as "freak legislation." The Legislature had no more right to interfere with the style of a man's headgear than it had to determine the color of his necktie. It was clearly an invasion of private rights, and as such should not be countenanced. Mr. Bowser, of Vancouver, took a decidedly

same view of the case and considered that it was beneath the dignity of the Legislature to waste its time in discussing such matters. One point he made is well worthy of consideration. It was held as a justification of the legislation sought that, notwithstanding the provision for discretion in regard to the wearing of wigs in court, the barristers who wished to exercise their legal rights were handicapped when appearing before a judge insistent upon preserving this ancient tradition intact, and the interests of their clients suffered in consequence. Mr. Bowser held that barristers should stand by their rights and not seek to get behind the provisions of an Act of Parliament in order to protect themselves.

It seems, therefore, that the real object of the present bill is not so much to get rid of the wig, which, though uncomfortable in a heated court room, is really a harmless piece of headgear, as to escape the tyranny imposed by judges whose notions of court etiquette are borrowed from and governed by the traditions of the mother land.

It strikes us as singular and as premising an incomprehensible attitude of the judicial mind that a man's professional status in court or the rights of his clients should be jeopardized by the absence of conventional capping or the shape or color of his tie. A judge is more or less of an autocrat in court and necessarily so, in order that that decorum should be preserved essential in the interests of justice and the due enforcement of the law. But there are certain limitations to the exercise of his power, and it only requires that the members of the Bar shall assert manfully their rights to be fully protected in them. In this they would be upheld by public opinion, against which even judges must be impotent.

A judge who regards the trappings of a court room as more important than the eternal verities of the law, to which, as an institution, court was created to give effect, has an important lesson to learn before he realizes the true position he occupies in the scheme of human economy. The law was not made to exalt the judge above his fellows; but the judge to exalt the law. The remedy for an abuse of judicial prerogative lies, therefore, not in legislation which is manifestly wrong in principle, but in the manifold protest of those whose rights are invaded. If barristers are afraid of judges, who are, as evidenced by their little weaknesses for display and petty vanities, not less human than themselves, then they deserve but little sympathy on the part of the public, or protection at the hands of the Legislature.

POLITICS IN QUEBEC.

Premier Parent did not long survive his ill-gotten election gains in 1904. It will be remembered that, following the Dominion campaign, he recommended the Lieutenant-Governor to dissolve the legislature and bring on a general election within a period of time which did not permit of organization on the part of his Liberal-Conservative opponents. As a protest against unfair methods, the latter decided, as a party, not to contest the various constituencies. The result of this was a plethora of Liberal candidates, and much consequent jealousy and ill feeling as to who should secure the nominations. During the election campaign, short as it was, very great opposition developed within the Liberal ranks. This opposition was principally directed by two Liberal senators, Choquette and Legris, who made serious charges against the Premier as to the administration of the Land Department, of which the latter, was the departmental head. A vacancy in the cabinet occurred. Premier Parent called in as minister a man to whom some of his colleagues were opposed, and three of them resigned and took with them a majority of the Liberal supporters of the government. This was on the eve of the calling together of the Legislature, and the Premier, in order to get breathing time, secured an adjournment of the opening of the Legislative Assembly for one month. In the meantime a truce was patched up, on the understanding that eventually Mr. Parent was to resign. Upon the opening of the House a committee was appointed to investigate the charges against the Premier. The two senators, Choquette and Legris, failed to attend to give evidence, and a report was brought in exonerating him. This was followed by the Premier's resignation and the calling upon of Mr. Gouin, a former colleague, to form a ministry, which has been done. So both sides are satisfied. Parent triumphed over his enemies who made charges against him and obtained a clear character; his enemies succeeded, however, in getting rid of him as premier. Parent was vindicated, but Parent had to go. He will probably receive a suitable reward for his political services from the Dominion government in a fat office in connection with the Eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

GREAT BRITAIN'S DRINK BILL.

Attention is being directed in the press to the remarkable fact that in the United Kingdom the consumption of intoxicating liquors has undergone a remarkable decrease since 1890. In that year the drink bill of the nation reached its high-water mark and represented a total of over \$900,000,000. Since that time the decreases are as follows:

1900	£1,046,031, or \$5,230,155
1901	3,149,953, or 15,714,705
1902	2,258,426, or 11,192,130
1903	5,054,546, or 25,272,730
1904	5,458,106, or 25,458,106

It will be seen that the falling off is equivalent to over \$2 per head of the entire population. It is questionable whether this decrease is due to the fact of temperance reform or to the inability, through lack of means, of the poorer people of England to pay for intoxicants as they formerly did. In this fact lies the probable explanation, as over \$10,000,000 reduction has been in beer, the staple of the laboring classes. However, the drink bill of Great Britain is still large enough, as people spend more upon alcoholic beverages than the total expenditure of the nation amounts to. The entire suspension would mean the saving of an amount sufficient to pay off the national debt in four years.

DESTROYING WILD FLOWERS.

The Toronto Globe has an editorial article against the destruction of wild flowers in High Park. It says that the gift of the park to the city contained a provision that it be kept in a state of nature, and "this strengthens the plea of all who love the wild flowers of the sandy hills and deep ravines." The conditions in High Park, Toronto, are very much different from those in Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, but the considerations in favor of preserving the wild flowers are equally strong in both places.

Last year steps were taken by the Natural History Society to prevent the pulling of the wood lilies by the children, a practice which in the past had practically destroyed these beautiful flowers, now rather scarce there.

As the spring is on, the question again arises, and we trust that the guardians of the park, as well as parents and others, will endeavor to see that the regulation against the destruction of wild flowers is carried out. One charm of the park, in season, is the flora in its natural state. Every effort should be made to preserve it intact.

UNCALLED FOR.

Mayor Barnard is at present in Ottawa in a legal capacity for the purpose of opposing the measure before the Dominion Parliament respecting the E. & N. Railway Company. In so far as that is concerned, he is perfectly within his rights, but his opposition should be confined to what is legitimate and within his province as a paid solicitor. While appearing before the Railway Committee yesterday, he took advantage of his opportunity to make serious reflections upon Mr. Dunsmuir, which were entirely uncalled for and in no way affected the legal merits of the case. We know nothing of any personal feelings which may have prompted Mayor Barnard to use the language he did, but neither as a lawyer nor as Mayor of the city of Victoria was he justified in displaying it in any degree on that occasion. While Mr. Barnard is in Ottawa in a professional capacity, he is also Mayor of Victoria, and the latter fact gives weight to his utterances which they would not otherwise possess. Even if everything he said were true, his observations were not in good taste. What rights Mr. Dunsmuir possesses he has apart from considerations of whether his efforts are beneficial to the community in which he lives or not. As a lawyer, standing upon the legal rights of his clients, Mr. Barnard should choose other ground of attack. If, on the other hand, he is at Ottawa as a politician, the public should know it.

THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The Toronto Mail and Empire pays a well-deserved tribute to the members of the Canadian Geological Survey, who are, it must be remembered, among the pioneers to be credited with the work of building up and developing Canada. Few persons realize the amount of labor, the great hardships and extent of country traversed and explored, involved in the surveys of such men as have carried them on. Their most valuable explorations have carried them far afield into the wilderness, to the barren lands and through the Rocky mountains of British Columbia. Perhaps the labors of all other classes of men put together have not contributed so much to a knowledge of the natural resources of the Dominion as have resulted from the laborious and extensive investigations of the Geological Survey. The Mail and Empire, in concluding its well-chosen remarks, states as follows:

Logan, Dawson, Sterry Hunt, Richardson, Weston, the Barlows, Selwyn and their associates established fine traditions for the service, traditions which their successors live up to. Dr. Bell, indeed, the present head of the survey, may be said to belong to the old band. In his book, "Reminiscences Among the Rocks," published in 1899, Thomas Weston remarks that, besides himself, Dr. Bell is the only survivor of the old regime. Dr. Robert Bell is a worthy successor to the office of director, in which the government, in recognition of his distinguished service, will, it is hoped, soon fully install him.

It is reported that the Great Northern Railway recently contracted to carry 15,000 tons of rails from Chicago to Japan for \$8 a ton. Half of this price, or 20 cents per hundred, for rail transportation was to be allowed, and as the distance from Chicago to Seattle is 2,230 miles, the consequent rate is equal to 1.78 mills per ton per mile. As the actual cost of hauling freight, including interest on capital and taxes, is shown to be 6.2 mills per ton per mile, it is evident that the rails were hauled at a loss of 4.42 mills per ton per mile. In other words, for every dollar it received for hauling, the company would be obliged to pay out, roughly speaking, three dollars, and the query arises, How can the company afford to do this? The probable explanation is that the profit of a full steamship cargo of the Great Northern steamships more than offsets the loss of the railway in providing a cargo, and herein lies one of the problems of competition in through traffic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

RE PENDRAY BONUS.

Sir—Referring to above matter, I find that owing to my past connection with Mr. Pendray and also to the fact that I am at present engaged in the paint business, I am regarded by a certain section of the public as being the author of the letters which recently appeared in your columns and the Times arguing against the granting of any bonus to Mr. Pendray. Will you therefore kindly permit me to state that I am not the author of any of the letters in question, neither have I inspired them. I have had no connection with them in any way, nor have I any knowledge of the identity of the writer.

W. T. ANDREWS.

Victoria, B. C., March 26, 1905.

A RAILWAY INTO SIMILKAMEEN.

Sir—These are figures to be considered in connection with giving railway facilities to the Similkameen district, a portion of the province of British Columbia which has been crying out for transportation facilities for the last twenty years.

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any route, the shortest line as yet surveyed is 80 miles from Hope to Princeton, and it is estimated that this will cost \$3,300,000. The next shortest is 90 miles, which it is estimated will cost \$3,670,000. The portion of this route which is proposed to continue from Hope to Vancouver, about 100 miles, would cost some \$2,500,000, making an expenditure of something like \$6,000,000 to reach Similkameen by what is known as the Coast-Kootenai road—while by building from Spences Bridge to Princeton, say 105 miles, an expenditure of less than \$2,000,000 would obtain the same result. The latter route is a more direct country, satisfy those most interested, secure a line with easy grades, workable every day of the year—no snow or land slides—and pass through a beautiful country rich in minerals and agriculture.

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It is understood that unless railroad construction goes on in this district the work will stop, these men thrown out of employment, and the town of Hedley will then become a deserted village.

SIMILKAMEEN.

MORE REGARDING RAILWAYS.

Sir—The railway schemes before the government in Sunday's *Colonist* are somewhat misleading. As one interested, permit me to correct some impressions regarding the British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley road, which you correctly state is the subject of the bill. The construction of which is to be from some point near Telegraph Creek into the Dease Lake country.

If I may outline the British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley road, it will not only enliven the public in a matter of vital importance, but show that in place of being a minor, it is the major proposition before the government.

The main object of this road is to establish an all-Canadian route to Dawson, Atlin, Lard, Kamica and the Peace River country, besides opening up the Mackenzie valley and connecting with the Mackenzie river and its many navigable tributaries. Space will not permit of a recital of the benefits to be derived by this province from the establishment of this great system; but just here we may say that the navigable waters of the Dease, Stikine and Glendon of Telegraph Creek, to the north of the mouth of the Dease, this will not only immediately give access to the rich mineral resources of the land, but will enable the company to push construction from at least three points at the same time.

By the establishment of a steamship service from Victoria and Vancouver to connect with this railroad, our merchants will be in a position to hold the Northern trade, which otherwise will go to the East over the G. T. P. To this will be added the privilege of supplying the army of hunters, trappers, fishermen and miners who operate along the Mackenzie river and its branches, the supplies which at the present time are furnished through the Hudson's Bay Company from the East.

The *Colonist* published a splendid map of this railroad on March 10, 1904, page 12. The road when completed will aggregate about 2,500 miles, about 1,500 of which will be in British Columbia.

The subsidy asked of 15,000 acres per mile over that portion between Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake is, when you consider the worthless nature of the land, a matter which a progressive government should grant with but short deliberation. One inch of the system traverses the province from west to east, or so nearly so that the G. T. P. might be offered running powers over it, thereby settling the bonus question, which is a source of worry to some citizens, and save the Dominion some millions of dollars, and insure the construction from the British Columbia coast with British Columbia supplies.

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Social in the Western Suburb.—The Methodist of the Victoria West district have a promising social and entertainment on this case for the evening, to which a cordial invitation is extended.

Railroad Social.—The pleasures of a gayety railroad social, which is not as much a mystery to Victorians as once was, are promised their friends for this evening by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's church.

New Pet for the Park.—Ald. Douglas, as chairman of the park committee, desires, through the Colonist, to extend thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, sen., of the Hotel Dallas, for a handsome Atlin wildcat, which has recently been added to the Beacon Hill zoo.

Fall Fair Dates Fixed.—Having in view the desirability of getting early dates if possible, the North and South Saanich Agricultural Association have decided to hold their fall show and fair on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th of September. Preparations will be initiated somewhat earlier than usual, as it is intended that the show this year shall eclipse the last in the quality and features of interest all that have gone before.

"The Messiah."—Every member of the "Messiah" chorus is respectfully requested to be present at the rehearsal tonight in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 8 o'clock, for a special rehearsal for the practice half an hour earlier. The date fixed for the concert is April 26; this leaves less than a month in which to complete the work of preparation. In consequence of which it is hoped that all connected with the chorus will make it a point to attend all the remaining rehearsals.

The Case of Powers.—Considerable speculation has been created in the Mainland press and public with respect to where the burden of costs will rest in connection with the extradition and prosecution of one Thomas Powers, convicted of raising and cashing Canadian postal orders. Vancouver city assumed that the costs should fall upon the attorney-general's department. That department said nay. And neither will, in the end, be compelled to foot the bill, the Dominion government assuming it in connection with the post office department.

Reached a New Deadlock.—The decision of the Public School Board in the matter of the complaint preferred by Mrs. Godfrey against Instructor Blinn of the manual training department, is not likely to be reached for some time yet. There is a new deadlock, and no further move can be made in the matter until after the subject in contention has been threshed out at a regular meeting of the board. The dispute arises out of a desire on the part of trustees who did not attend the stenographer's notes of the evidence then taken, transcribed for their personal use, to have the matter put in judgment upon the issue. Objection is raised on account of the necessarily considerable expense, and it will remain for the full board, in regular session assembled, to decide whether or not the expenditure shall be made.

The Wearing of the Wigs.—It is promised that Mr. Stuart Henderson's bill to proscribe the wearing of wigs or colored gowns (not Mother Hubbards) by barristers or members of the judiciary in British Columbia, will be challenged at its next appearance in the legislature upon the allegation of unconstitutionality, a point which its champions claim to be amply able to combat. In connection with the current comment that this legislation is queer and farcical, the wearing of wigs, etc., being at present optional, supporters of the measure suggest that nevertheless they are frequently penalized in denial of costs, etc., if they appear without the wig in certain cases. The majority of the members of the Supreme court bench, including the chief justice, it is claimed, favor the legislation proposed, although they regard it as contrary to the ethics of the bench to discuss it while it remains a matter of pending legislation.

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Enlarging Business.—Messrs. Pither & Lelzer, the wholesale wine and spirit merchants, have just made an important addition to the stock of their Vancouver branch, having acquired the entire large stock of Messrs. Malcolm, McKinnon & Co., wholesale liquor dealers at the Terminal City, in this transaction Messrs. Pither & Lelzer get the agencies of the famous "G. B." and "King Edward VII" Scotch whiskies, the product of the distilleries of Messrs. Greelish Bros., of London, Glasgow and Argyleshire.

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Juvenile Templars.—Juvenile Temple Conqueror No. 7, I. O. G. T., held an open session Monday evening, and were entertained by the parent lodge, Emerald No. 16. The evening was most profitable and enjoyable one, an excellent programme being carried out after the disposal of routine business, to which the following contributed: Brothers Foulds, C. T., Wilkinson, S. J. T., Cooper, Roderick (of Victoria), West lodge, W. Harris, F. Bailey, G. and S. Bowden, Friend Lily Bailey, Sister R. Hemans and Friend Viola Nicholson. Rev. Bro. J. P. Hicks made a short and eloquent address.

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RATIFICATION BILL IS CONSIDERED

Matters With Respect to E. & N. Sale In Statu Quo—Rumor Market.

A somewhat amusing example of the inconsistencies of amateur journalism was afforded by the morning paper yesterday, when it went on of its way in order to have a fling at the Colonist in the local columns by retreating with positiveness that the deal for the sale of the E. & N. railway to the C. P. R. had been decided "for" and in another and more conspicuous column on the first page, directly contradicted and nullified its local reference by publishing particulars of the progress of the ratification bill now before the house of Commons of the day committee. The difficulty of reconciling such proceedings with an abandonment of the sale project apparently did not suggest itself.

There is little in connection with the transaction to report that is either new or decisive. Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., in explaining the bill before the railway committee, merely outlined the circumstances under which the grant was made, 1,300,000 acres being received from the province. He stated that the transfer of ownership of the road to the C. P. R. was welcomed in Vancouver Island, as likely to induce more generally satisfactory service and facilitate an extension to the north end of the island.

Opposition was offered by Duncan Ross (Yale-Cariboo), and by W. H. Gallihier (Kootenay), who objected to clause 9, as unfairly perpetuating an exemption from taxation, which the provincial government should have borne. Mr. Cressman, for the C. P. R., intimated that the C. P. R. was not getting the lands in question, but stated plainly that without the ratification of the clause in the agreement for the sale of the road, the sale would not be consummated. Robert G. Macpherson (Vancouver), did not see that the position of the province with the allowance of the exemption would be any worse than at present—operation by the C. P. R. was undoubtedly popular. Hon. George E. Foster and S. Barker (Hamilton) were inclined to the view that a clause retaining to the E. & N. all rights and exemptions as at present enjoyed, would meet the case—this being again opposed by Mr. Ross, who insisted that the province was the body competent to deal with this feature of the matter.

After the hearing of H. G. Barnard, counsel for Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, who opposed the bill on account of its possible interference with his client's interests in the event of pending legislation being decided in her favor, and who also held the bill to be ultra vires the Dominion, further consideration of the measure was adjourned until tomorrow week.

Locally there is nothing new in the matter to chronicle, although the crop of rumors continues an abundant one. Who holds that the E. & N. does not regard the sale as probable at the present juncture, by an announcement that arrangements have very recently been made for replacing the car ferry plying between Vancouver and Ladysmith through the straits of the Burrard Inlet, it would be a necessity of the colliery business in any event. It is also reported that, despite the rumors to the contrary, the Grand Trunk Pacific is not a competitor for the road, with a view to its extension, although there are Eastern railway people who would be ready to buy both railway and land grant and possibly sell later to the Grand Trunk Pacific.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Preservation of the Wild Lily—Date Fixed for Annual Meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Natural History Society on Monday evening, President Captain Walbran, being chairman, the memorial committee reported that the portrait of the late John Fannin, painted by Miss Fannin, was in progress of completion and would worthily commemorate the late curator in the scene of his years of useful activities. The usual routine business was disposed of, after which came the paper of the evening, read by Mr. Wallace, "Notes of Some of Our Wild Flowers, Their Collection and Cultivation."

The lecturer carefully reviewed the immense wealth of wild flowers possessed by this province, giving at the same time clear and concise information as to their collection, habitat and cultivation. The paper was well brought before the meeting a special plea for the preservation of the "white lily," which was at present being ruthlessly plucked by the careless and thoughtless, and would soon be exterminated. It was suggested that, instead of pulling up the flower by the root, the gatherers would break off the flower, leaving the leaves and bulbs on the ground, the bulb would then flower again another year and thus remain a constant ornament of the fields for all time to come.

The lecture was fully illustrated by plants and specimens of numbers of the wild flowers, both in embryo and developed. The explanation being clear and concise. At the conclusion of the lecture, a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker; and it was arranged that the next meeting of the society shall be held on April 10—this being the annual gathering, at which will be held the election of officers and reception of the year's reports.

Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Automatic Voting Machine Company is to be held here today.

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To the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, \$300.

To the Jewish congregation Emanuel, \$200; to be used in renovating the synagogue either outside or inside, or both, and conditional that prayers be said on the occasion of each anniversary of the death of the testator.

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To his niece, Bertha Bernheim, widow of Edmund Bernheim, the sum of \$500.

All the rest of his estate to his wife for her sole use and benefit. The estate consists of realty and personal property.

In Chambers yesterday, before Mr. Justice Duff, a couple of applications were disposed of, as follows: Garesche vs. Bradburn; an application to bring the kennel show challenge cup into the custody of the court; stood over. Smith vs. C. P. R.; an application to renew writ and seal; order made.

OBITUARY.

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Bateman took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and was largely attended. Rev. G. K. B. Adams conducted the service and the following were pallbearers: F. Shopland, R. J. Neary, George Jenkins, J. Lloyd, E. C. Knight and J. Cummings.

William Foley, an inmate of the Old Men's Home, died at that institution on Sunday evening. Deceased was a pioneer of the city having for years been employed as shepherd by Mr. Rowlands, of the Burnside farm.

FAMOUS WILL

CASE ON AGAIN

Rehearing of Appeal in Celebrated Trial of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir.

The Chief Justice yesterday, consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Martin, resumed the hearing of the appeal in the famous will case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir, which was adjourned from Vancouver some time ago. For the plaintiff and intervenor there appeared as counsel E. V. Bodwell, K. C., H. D. Helmsken, K. C., Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., and D. M. Rogers; E. P. Davis, K. C., and A. P. Luxton are appearing for the defendant.

Sir Hibbert Tupper, on the court convening, presented printed copies of the appellants' argument and a chronological review of the case, explaining that these had been prepared to expedite the matter.

The Chief Justice desired an assurance that the case would be disposed of by April 10.

Sir Hibbert replied that he was unable to say definitely how long the argument would continue. His side would probably be able to close within three days.

The Chief Justice suggested that some arrangement be made as to an equitable division of time on the part of counsel—that the appellants occupy this week, the respondents next week—with one day for reply by the former.

Mr. Davis protested against the restricting of arguments to any time limit. The case was one of such magnitude that it should be dealt with in the ordinary way.

Finally counsel agreed to come to some decision respecting the division of time.

Sir Hibbert Tupper referred to the decision rendered by Judge Coffey in San Francisco on Monday, setting aside the probate of Alexander Dunsmuir's will in consequence of which he wished to amend his pleadings. That decision was final and conclusive and could not be appealed from.

Mr. Luxton pointed out that his side had been instructed that the decision was subject to appeal. The order had not been entered; and before this was done an order would be made to prevent it.

Proceeding with his argument, Sir Hibbert Tupper alleged undue influence being exercised upon the testator in regard to the execution of both the will of 1893 and that of 1899. A peculiar feature was the fact that the defendant and his solicitor did not treat the will of 1893 as that of the testator. Counsel cited a number of cases dealing with undue influence, and an adjournment was taken for lunch.

Resuming his argument at the afternoon session, Sir Hibbert traced in forcible argument the various vital points calculated to show conspiracy, influence the testator to make a will for the particular benefit of the defendant. He paid especial attention to a review of the evidence of the witness Lowe, who was stigmatized as a self-confessed perjurer. Counsel was unmerciful in his denunciation of defendant's actions throughout the entire affair—but no new points of especial interest to the public were brought out.

The Lively Detonator.—Gunner Carson, of Work Point barracks, misses three fingers on one hand and has lost the sight of one eye. The result of an accident occurring Monday through the careless handling of a detonator obtained at the Esquimalt naval yard. It was only by the greatest good luck that the most serious surgical attention, that the unfortunate man was saved the sight of the other eye.

Schilling's Agent.—Mr. W. O. Wallace, formerly a member of the firm of Mowat & Wallace, arrived from San Francisco last night on the steamer City of Puebla, to commence his work as agent for the firm of A. Schilling & Co., manufacturers of "Schilling's Best" spices, baking powders, extracts, etc. Mr. Wallace has charge of British Columbia and Alaska for the firm, and will travel through the districts mentioned in their behalf.

Boys Are Freed.—The three boys accused by Chin Hong, a Chinese, whose party his work was in the steamer City of Puebla, in endeavoring to rid himself of a knife he swore falsely he did not have, were freed yesterday. Forrest was bound over to keep the peace on a bond of \$100 for a year; the two other boys, Charles Hanson and Herbert Howard, were dismissed. The Chinese, Chin Hong, who is accused of cutting and wounding the three boys, each of whom can show knife wounds, was remanded until Friday.

Merry Minstrel Men.—The first rehearsal for the performance to be given by the reorganized Victoria minstrels, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Finn, was held last evening in Wallt's hall, when preliminary organization of the troupe was completed. The musical first part gives promise of being about the best thing in amateur entertainment Victoria has seen in many a moon, while the jokes will be of local manufacture and distinctly up to date. The troupe will be another rehearsal next week.

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Terms cash. F. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 27, 1905.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Francis Walker, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to forward them to Bodwell & Lawson, Solicitors for William Blackbourn and Cornelius O'Keefe, executors of the last will and testament of the said Francis Walker, on or before the 15th day of April, 1905.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after such time as the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims as they shall then have notice of.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 1905.

BODWELL & LAWSON, Solicitors for the above named Executors, 34 1/2 Government Street, Victoria, B. C. m23

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting for a transfer of the license held by E. C. C. to sell wines and liquors by retail at the Victoria Hotel, Government Street, Victoria, B. C., to ourselves, of this city. Dated this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1905.

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GLANFORD AVENUE—Ten acres in cultivation—\$1,000.

KINGSTON ST.—Seven roomed house; large lot; modern conveniences; stable—\$2,500.

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TO RENT—Victoria Arm—Commodious dwelling on water front, with well kept grounds (2 1/2 acres); immediate possession; moderate rent.

10 ACRES—6 room cottage, barn and outbuildings; 9 miles from city.

FOR SALE—50 acres water frontage on Cordova Bay—\$50 per acre.

FOR SALE—Acreage, 320 acres, Highland district—\$2 per acre; will pay for itself in cordwood alone.

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WANTED—A housekeeper to live on ranch near Ladysmith; two of a family to cook for Mrs. A. S. Christie, Esq., Esplanade, Ladysmith, for full particulars. m220

WANTED—Two women, cook and helper, for a camp. Apply after 6, 7 Alfred street. m223

WANTED—Companion help (country); a reliable, strong girl, about 18 years; nice, kind home. 60 Rae street. m226

WANTED—Superior general for Vancouver; good plain cook and housekeeper; wages \$20. Apply 60 Rae street. m225

WANTED—By an elderly gentleman, a housekeeper who can do plain cooking. Apply with references to Box 272 Colonist. m219

WANTED—Young girl who sleeps at home to assist with housework and care of baby; references. Apply morning. Mrs. R. H. McMillen, Dallas ave. m217

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WANTED—A position as housekeeper or nurse. Address Box 277 this office. m221

WANTED—A lady can highly recommend an experienced needlewoman; specialty, blouses, children's clothes and underwear. Apply 60 Rae street. m217

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WANTED—A youth, under 20, as office assistant; references necessary. Apply by letter, stating age and requirements as to salary. "H. V." Colonist office. m225

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The Provincial Legislature

(Continued from Page One.)

and procedure of county courts, and the bill relating to unclaimed money deposits in the treasury of the province passed third readings.

Upon consideration of the bill to amend the Assessment Act on report, some amendments were introduced.

Wild land, in section 3, sub-section 12, is held to be all land other than coal land and timber land, held by any person, on which there shall not be existing improvements to the value, when assessed, of \$250 per acre.

Mr. Evans moved to increase the amount of improvements herein exempt from \$250 to \$5 per acre.

The amendment was rejected, by a vote of 25 to 11.

The Minister of Finance proposed that land subdivided as townships, into lots of two acres or less in extent, regularly surveyed and shown upon a plan thereof, duly registered, shall not be assessed as wild land.

The amendment passed.

The Minister of Finance moved an amendment designed to prevent persons holding timber lands from obtaining them off as wild lands in order to escape taxation.

This amendment also passed.

Mr. Oliver moved to add "Provided that income derived from investments shall not be exempt under this section" to the end of section 8. The object of the amendment, he said, was that the exemption provided in the section should not apply to incomes derived from investments.

Hon. Mr. Cotton pointed out that the word "investment" was rather wide and might lead to a confusion of purpose.

The amendment was rejected, 37-3.

As also a motion of Mr. McInnes to exempt improvements on land for agricultural purposes up to the value of \$1,000.

Mr. Brown proposed to exempt coal lands held under lease or licence from any further tax.

The amendment was accepted.

Mr. Oliver proposed to increase the tax on wild land from 4 to 5 per cent.

This tax, as it stood in the bill as introduced, was fixed at 3 per cent, and was increased to 4 per cent, on motion of the Minister of Finance, in committee. Mr. Oliver wanted to make the tax as it was in the old bill.

Mr. McInnes supported the amendment. He held that there was no justification for the reduction which the government made in this tax.

The amendment was defeated, 24 to 16.

A number of improvements calculated to improve the formal provisions of the bill were passed on motion of the Finance Minister.

The Budget

Upon message from His Honor the Supply Bill was introduced by the Finance Minister, who on rising to move that the Speaker do now leave the chair, said:

It was not necessary in making this motion to go further back in our financial history than the date when the present government assumed office (approximately the commencement of the last financial year), at that time a review of receipts and expenditures for the previous two years disclosed the fact that, during that period, the expenditures, including interest on railway guarantees, exceeded the revenue by over nine millions of dollars, or, in other words, the province had been falling in arrears at the rate of \$750,000 per annum, as would be seen from the following figures:

Revenue	Expenditures
1892 to 1903	\$16,121,785
1904	2,638,200
1905	\$18,760,045
To 1892-1903	\$24,748,377
1904	3,030,237
1905	\$27,778,614

Excess of expenditure in 12 years, \$9,013,509.

The loan of the former year had been entirely expended, the treasury was empty, and the province was in arrears to the extent of \$748,000, some of which were included in the loan of \$3,500,000, the proceeds of which had been already expended.

To find their true position at that time they must turn to the balance sheet of June 30, 1903. Then they had at the credit of current account \$80,742, against which were deposits interest estates and suits, \$12,571,91, or, in other words, had been called upon to pay back these deposits they would have been short \$71,229,91. In addition to this there was the balance due on the Fraser river bridge and other work in hand amounting to \$748,360, making their liability on assuming office \$820,189 over and above all current assets.

At the close of the session of 1903 it was decided that the incoming government should adopt the estimates prepared by their predecessors, but that retrenchment should as far as possible be effected in the estimates.

Note

The Fact

It is not by the appearance of the bottle that you should judge the quality of the Whisky. The greater quality is inside the bottle. The contents of a bottle of the famous Kilmarnock is more enjoyable than the most gaudy label could promise.

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year, and about \$10,000 less than 1901. The total annual reduction of salaries since this government came into power amounted to over \$17,500 per annum.

For public institutions \$152,531 was asked—about \$2,000 less than the estimate of last year. Several items had been cut down, but the increase under the head of hospital for the insane of \$10,000 more than absorbed the saving effected.

Hospitals and charities showed an increase of \$11,000, due to grants to hospitals (a statutory vote), requiring \$84,000, as against \$73,000 last year. This item seemed excessive when the Fraser bridge was under construction, and the Territories, where the allowance was 37½ cents and 25 cents, respectively, and the total expenditures in 1904 were \$88,002 and \$18,502. Administration of justice showed a slight increase of \$1,750.

Education

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cameras were to be established at New Westminster, Hammond, and Victoria, so that there was everything to encourage the growth of enterprise. The abnormally dry season had the effect of reducing the crop of last year. Still an increase of nearly 500 tons was recorded. The shipments of fruit last year exceeded those of the preceding year by 400 tons. The value of the fruit shipped was estimated at \$240,000, and it was estimated that the total value of crop marketed exceeded \$300,000. The area of land in orchards in 1901 was 7,450 acres. It was estimated that new orchards were planted in 1902 covering 6,000 acres, making a total of 13,450 acres engaged in fruit raising. It was pleasant to be able to report a large increase in the production of butter, which amounted last year to about 1,500,000 lbs., or about 257,000 of the consumption. There were now fourteen creameries in the province, which produced in 1904 1,210,000 lbs. of butter, and paid in cash to their patrons \$272,620. This showed a satisfactory increase. In 1902 the production of our creameries was 715,842 lbs.; in 1903 it was 958,845; in 1904 it was 1,210,000. However, there was still much to be done, as butter to the value of \$1,175,511 was imported last year. The total importation of agricultural products imported in 1904 amounted to \$7,109,438, an increase of \$1,451,830 in two years, pointing to the conclusion that the market of the province had materially increased possibly from accessions to the population in the province, increased trade with the Yukon and, perhaps, with the Orient.

Hon. Mr. Tait was warmly applauded upon taking his seat.

Mr. Murphy moved the adjournment of the debate.

The House rose.

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